

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF: HISAO TATSUMI, et al.
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ATTORNEY DOCKET No.: 007324-0356017
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EXAMINER: CORMIER, David G.
FOR: DRUM WASHING MACHINE WITH AUXILIARY BAFFLE

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 26, 2009, the date for responding being January 26, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. 007324-0356017).